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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Soviet Long-Range Ballistic Missile Deployment

REFERENCE: Memorandum from General Collins, same subject,
dated 21 August 1961 (Item 9, UNIR Agenda)

1. The reference memorandum:

a. States that the OMAIC findings on Soviet long-range ballistic missile deployment (Item ⁸ 8, UNIR Agenda) supports the CIA/JCS estimates on this subject in NIE 11-3-61 (7 June 1961), and,

b. Recommends that a "Note to Holders" of that estimate be issued which reaffirms the CIA/JCS position "with greater assurance of the validity of these conclusions as opposed to the minority views, both high and low, expressed in NIE 11-3-61."

2. As you know, the community is re-examining the new evidence on the subject and is scheduled to present an all-source supplement for UNIR consideration on 5 October. A high

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priority effort is underway to get contributions in by 1 September, but much of the basic work has not been completed. We believe that any "Note to Holders" would be premature at this time. Furthermore, it is the tentative opinion of the Board of National Estimates that the SMIC findings on deployment and other new evidence would tend to refine our estimate of ICNMs in NIE 11-3-61. Concerning MREMs the new evidence appears to support our estimate, but further research may cause us to raise it somewhat.*

3. It is therefore recommended that the NSIC not issue a memorandum to holders at this time. If, however, the needs of the Department of Defense are such that additional guidance is absolutely essential at this time, it is recommended that

* NIE 11-3-61 contains an estimate of about 225 MREMs on launcher for mid-1961; in a footnote the Army estimates 50-100. The estimates of ICNMs on launcher for mid-1961 are as follows:

<u>CIA/JCS</u>	<u>Air Force</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>AFHQ/NSA</u>
50 - 100	At least 120	Probably 75-100 Could have 200	Not more than a few.

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the attached memorandum be given extremely limited distribution to those consumers who cannot await the scheduled supplement to the NIE.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

ANDREW WHITE
Acting Chairman

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